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His Position in The Silsila : Maqbool-e-Bargahe Ilaahi, Gohar Darya-e-Wilaayat, Qutbul Aqtaab, Fardul Ahbaab, Hazrat Abu Muhammad, Sayyid Muhiy'yudeen, Mahboob-e-Subhani Shaykh Abdul Qaadir Jilaani ؒ is the seventeenth Imam and Shaykh of the Silsila Aaliyah Qaadiriyaah Barakaatiyah Razviyah Nooriyah.

Blessed Birth : He was born on the eve of the 1st of Ramadaan 470 Hijri in the city of Gilan.

His Blessed Name : His blessed name was Sayyid Abdul Qaadir.

Titles : His title was Abu Muhammad and he is famously known as Muhiyyuddeen, Ghaus-e-Azam, Ghaus-e-Paak and Ghaus Piya ؒ etc. He is tarafain Sayyid (descendant of Imam Hassan and Hussain)

His Parents : He was a descendant of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ from both his mother's and father's side. His blessed father's name was Sayyid Abu Saleh Moosa ؒ and his blessed mother's name was Sayyida Ummul Khair Faatima. ؒ

His Features : He was very well built and of medium height. Broad chest, a long broad beard, tan in color, joint eyebrows, strong voice, and of beautiful character.

His Family Tree : His family tree reaches Sayyiduna Ali-e-Murtaza ؒ from his father through 14 generations and through his mother by 12 generations. Hazrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahmaan Jaami ؒ said the following concerning the geneology of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ؒ : “ *He, who is known as Ghaus-e-Azam ؒ, is an exalted King, He is Sayyid from both his parents. Hassani from his father and Hussaini from his mother.*”

Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ

Sayyidatun Nisa Faatima	Sayyiduna Ali-e-Murtaza
Shaheed-e-karbala Imam Husain	Sayyiduna Imam Hassan
Sayyiduna Imam Zainul Abedeen	Sayyid Hassan Mathni
Imam Muhammad Baaqir	Sayyid Abdul Mahdh
Sayyiduna Imam Jaafar Saadiq	Sayyid Moosa Al Jawn
Sayyiduna Imam Moosa Kaazi	Sayyid Abdullah Thaani
Sayyiduna Shaykh Ali Raza	Sayyid Moosa Thaani
Sayyid Aboo Ala'ud'deen	Sayyid Dawood
Sayyid Kamaalud'deen Esa	Sayyid Muhammad
Sayyid Abul Ataa Abdulla	Sayyid Yahya Az Zaahid
Shaykh Sayyid Mahmood	Sayyid Abi Abdillah
Sayyid Muhammad	Sayyid Abu Saaleh Moosa (Father)
Sayyid Aboo Jamaal	
Sayyid Abdullah Soom'ee	
Sayyida Ummul Khair Faatima (Mother)	

Sayyiduna Muhiyyud'deen Abu Muhammad

Adul Qadir Jilaani

(Ridwaanullahi Ta Aala Alaihim Ajmaeen)

Shaykhul Masha'ikh Sayyiduna Junaid-E-Baghdadi رحمہ اللہ: lived two hundred years before Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ. He foretold his coming in the following manner. Once while Hazrat Junaid-e-Baghdadi رحمہ اللہ was in a state of Spiritual Ecstasy, He stated: “ *His foot is on my shoulders, His foot is on my shoulders.*” After he had come out of this spiritual condition, his disciples questioned him concerning these words and he said, “ *I have been informed that a great Saint will be born towards the end of the fifth century. His name shall be Abdul Qaadir رحمہ اللہ and his title will be Muhiy'yud'deen. He will be born in Jilaan and he will reside in Baghdad. One day, on the command of Allah, he will say, 'My foot is on the shoulders of all the Awliyah Allah.' While in my spiritual condition, I saw his excellence and these words were uttered by me without my control.*”

Imam Hassan Askari رحمہ اللہ: Shaykh Abu Muhammad رحمہ اللہ states that before his demise, Imam Hassan Askari handed his Jubba (Cloak) over to Sayyiduna Imam MaarooF Karghi رحمہ اللہ and asked him to pass it over to Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ. Hazrat Imam Ma'roof Karghi رحمہ اللہ passed this Cloak over to Sayyiduna Junaid-e-Baghdadi رحمہ اللہ, who in turn passed it over to Shaykh Danoori and it was then passed down until it reached Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ in the year 497 Hijri. (Makhzanul Qaadiriah)

Shaykh Abu Bakr Bin Haw'waar رحمہ اللہ: lived before the time of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam. And was amongst the distinguished Masha'ikh of Baghdaad. Once while sitting in his majlis, he said, “ *There are seven Aqtaab of Iraq: 1. Shaykh MaarooF Karghi رحمہ اللہ 2. Hazrat Imam Amad bin Hambal رحمہ اللہ 3. Hazrat Bishr Haafi رحمہ اللہ 4. Shaykh Mansoor bin Amaar رحمہ اللہ 5. Sayyiduna Junaid Baghdaadi رحمہ اللہ 6. Hazrat Sahl bin Abdullah Tastari رحمہ اللہ 7. Hazrat Abdul Qaadir Jeeli رحمہ اللہ.*” On hearing this, Sayyidi Abu Muhammad رحمہ اللہ, who was a mureed of Shaykh Abu Bakr رحمہ اللہ asked, “ *We have heard and know six of these names, but the seventh, we have not heard of. O Shaykh! Who is Abdul Qaadir Jeeli.*”

Shaykh Abu Bakr رحمہ اللہ replied by saying, “ Abdul Qaadir رحمہ اللہ will be a non-Arab (and a) pious man. He will be born towards the end of the fifth century Hijri and he will reside in Baghdaad.” [Bahjatul Asraar]

Shaykh Khaleel Balkhi رحمہ اللہ: He is a great Wali-Allah and had passed away before the time of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ. Once while seated with his disciples he said, “ A pure servant of Allah will become apparent in Iraq towards the end of the fifth century. The world will gain brightness from his presence. He will be the Ghaus of his time. The creation of Allah will be obedient to him, and he will be the Leader of the Awliyah Allah.” [Azkaarul Abraar]

Imam Muhammad Bin Saeed Zanjani رحمہ اللہ stated as follows in his distinguished work Nuzhatul Khawatir: From the era of Hazrat Abi Ali Hassan Yasaarajuwi رحمہ اللہ, up to the era of Shaykh Abdul Qaadir Jilaani رحمہ اللہ, every Wali that passed this earth, foretold the coming and the excellence of Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ [Nuzhatul Khawatir]

His Blessed Birth : There are two narrations concerning the date of birth of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ. The first narration is that he was born on the first of Ramadaan 470 Hijri and the second is that he was born on the eve of Ramadaan 470 Hijri. The second narration seems to be the one more favoured amongst the learned scholars. The birth of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam was a great blessing to the Ummah as it was not only the birth of a child, but it was the coming of the King of the Awliyah, which had been foretold for centuries before his birth. Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ was blessed to his mother at an age when women are usually unable to have children. Sayyida Ummul Khair Faatima رحمہ اللہ was sixty years old when Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ was born. This alone was one of the astonishing incidents relating to the birth of the Great Saint.

Miraculous Events Surrounding His Blessed Birth : Apart from this, there were numerous other miraculous events which surrounded the birth of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam. Hazrat Sayyiduna Shahabudeen Suharwardi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ quoted the following five miracles (Karamaat) which surrounded the birth of Ghaus-e-Azam, in his distinguished book, Manaqib-e-Ghausia:

(1). On the eve of the birth of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, his father, Sayyidi Abu Saalaeh, saw in his dream, the Holy Prophet Muhammad صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم who gave him the following glad tidings: “O Abu Saaleh! Almighty Allah has blessed you with a pious son. He is my beloved and the beloved of Almighty Allah and he is the most exalted amongst the Awliya and Aqtaab.”

(2). When he was born, he had the impression of the footprint of Rasoolullah صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم on his shoulder. This alone was the proof of his Wilaayah.

(3). Almighty Allah gave glad tidings to his parents in their dream that their son would be the Sultaanul Awliyah and those who oppose him would be misled (Gumraah).

(4). On the eve of his birth approximately eleven hundred males were born in Jilaan and every one of them a Wali Allah.

(5). He was born on the eve of Ramadaan. During the entire month of Ramadaan between Sehri and Iftaar, he never drank milk after the time of sehri and before the time of Iftaar. In other words, he kept fast from the day he was born. His blessed mother says that he would never cry for milk the entire day and would only take milk at the time of Iftaar. Subhaanallah!

Demise Of His Father : After the demise of his father, he was taken under the care of his illustrious grandfather Hazrat Abdullah Soom'ee, the very same personality who was responsible for the marriage of the parents of

the Great Saint. He took Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ under his wing and blessed him with gems of spiritualism. He groomed the Great Saint from childhood into the personality that he was to be. He nurtured him with gentleness and showered him with words of wisdom.

Voice From The Unseen : Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was not like other children who spent their time playing and fooling around. From a tender age, he spent his time in the remembrance of Almighty Allah. If he at any time ever intended to join the other children, then from the unseen a voice would be heard saying, “*Come Towards Me O’ Blessed one*” At first, on hearing this voice, he would become afraid and go to his mother and sit on her lap. As the time passed, he became accustomed to this voice, and instead of going to his mother, he would abandon the thought of playing and occupy himself in the remembrance of Allah.

Commencement Of Academic Studies : When Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was four and a half years old, and according to certain narrations, five years old, his mother enrolled him into a local Madrassah in Jilaan. He thus commenced his early education at this Madrassah. He remained in this Madrassah until the age of ten. During this period a certain amazing event occurred. Whenever Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam would enter the Madrassah he would see bright figures walking ahead of him saying, “*Give way to the Friend of Allah*” His son Sayyidi Abdur Razzaq رحمۃ اللہ علیہ reports that once Hazrat Ghaus-e-Paak رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was asked regarding when he first noticed the signs of his Wilaayah and Hazrat Ghaus-e-Paak رحمۃ اللہ علیہ answered by saying, “*When I was ten years old, I found Angels walking beside me on my way to the Madrassah, and when we reached the Madrassah I would hear them say, 'Give way to the Wali Allah, Give way to the Wali Allah' It was when this continued that I knew that I had been blessed with Wilaayah.*”

Demise Of Sayyidi Abdullah Soom'ee ﷺ : Hazrat Ghaus-e-Paak ﷺ was still a student at the Madrassah in Baghdaad when his grandrather Hazrat Abdullah Soom'ee ﷺ journeyed from this world into the hereafter. After the demise of his grandfather, the responsibility of his education fell upon the blessed shoulders of his respected mother. With patience, sincerity and dedication, she fulfilled this responsibility that had been blessed to her. Once, while Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ was about eighteen years old, he went out of his house for a stroll. He walked in the streets of Jilaan and found an ox in front of him. He walked behind it for some time. Then the animal turned around, and in the language of humans said, “ *You have not been created for this and you have not been commanded to do this.*” On hearing this, he immediately returned home and explained this incident to his mother. He then requested permission to journey to Baghdaad in order to complete his academic studies and seek more spiritual knowledge. His mother, without a second thought who was now seventy eight years old, acceded to this noble request.

His Mother's Advice : So, in her old age, Sayyida Ummul Khair Faatima ﷺ said farewell to her eldest son Sayyiduna Abdul Qaadir Jilaani ﷺ. It was that time in her life, where parents usually depend on their children for moral and financial support, but this pious and pure servant of Allah wanted only the pleasure of Allah and His Rasool ﷺ. Whilst she was very attached to Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ, she did not let her personal feelings come before the pleasure of Allah. She wanted her son to be a man of knowledge and wisdom.

In those days, people used to travel either by foot or by camel etc. and the roads passed through dense jungles and forests. There was always a real danger of travelers being robbed and killed. Knowing all this, she still supported his request and wished him well with her duas. She said, “ *O my dear son! I have now become very old and I do not think I will ever get to see you*

again, but my dua will always be with you. May Almighty Allah grant you success in your quest for academic and spiritual knowledge.” She then said, “ Your Marhoom father left eighty Dinaars, from which I am giving forty dinaars to you, for your journey and forty dinaars I will keep for your younger brother Sayyid Abu Ahmad Abdullah.” She took the forty dinaars and sewed them under the arm of his coat. She once again made dua for him and on bidding him farewell gave him the following advice, “ O my beloved son! Let this advice which I am about to give you be an important part of your life. Always speak the truth! Do not even think of lies.”

On hearing this Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ said, “ My dear mother! I promise from my heart, that I will always act upon your advice.” Sayyida Faatima رحمۃ اللہ علیہا then embraced the apple of her eye with love and motherly gentleness for the last time, and with the words “ Go! May Allah be with you. It is He who is your Helper and Protector.” The journey to Baghdaad began.

Adherence To His Mother's Advice : After bidding farewell to his mother, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, joined a caravan which was on its way to Baghdaad. In those days, people travelled in groups for the sake of safety. The caravan of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ reached the city of Hamdaan without incident. After leaving Hamdaan, they journeyed further. Their journey took them into a dense forest, where they were attacked by sixty robbers. The leader of this band of robbers was a very notorious bandit called Ahmad Badwi. The travellers did not have the means to defend themselves against the robbers and were forced to surrender their belongings and valuables to them. After looting the travellers, the robbers gathered all the loot and began to distribute it amongst themselves. While all this was happening, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was standing very calmly amongst the travellers. Regarding him as just a young boy, none of the robbers approached him, until one of them decided to approach him. He went up to Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and asked if he had anything

valuable. Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ replied by saying that he had in his possession forty dinaars. On hearing this the robber laughed at Ghaus-e-Azam and walked away, thinking that he was lying. After some time another robber asked him the same question and received the same answer. He too dismissed this statement of Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ as a joke. When the robbers had gathered, both the robbers began to joke about the young boy who thought he had forty dinaars. On hearing their discussion, their leader Ahmed Badawi asked them to bring Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ to him. When the Great Saint was brought before Ahmed Badawi, he asked whether he had any valuables in his possession, and the Saint replied in the same way as before. When Ahmed Badawi heard this, he asked for the forty dinaars. Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ calmly showed them where the dinaars were hidden. On tearing open the coat of Ghaus-e-Azam, they found that there were really forty dinaars sewn under the arm of the coat. On seeing this, Ahmed Badawi and his accomplices were taken aback. Ahmed Badawi then asked, “ *O Young man! None of us knew that you had any money. Knowing we are bandits, why did you still tell us where the money was hidden?*”

The young Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ replied by saying, “ *When I had left on this journey, I had promised my elderly and pious mother that I would never lie. How then could I break this promise just for the sake of sixty bandits.*”

On hearing this, Ahmed Badawi felt great shame and in tears said, “ *O young boy! You are so loyal in your promise to your mother, Shame on me, that for years I have been disloyal to my promise with my Creator Almighty Allah.*”

After saying these words, the bandit cried bitterly and then fell to the feet of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and repented for his sins. When his accomplices saw this, they too did likewise and repented sincerely from all their sins. They then returned all the belongings of the travellers and

Escorted them out of the jungle. It has been stated that the tauba of these bandits was so sincere, that they were blessed with Wilaayah, through the sadqa of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ personally stated, “ *This was the first tauba that a group of misled persons had made at my hands.*”

Ghaus-E-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ Enters Baghdaad : The City of Baghdaad was blessed with the feet of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ in the year 488 Hijri. Upon arrival in Baghdaad Shareef, the great Saint had already spent the forty dinaars given to him by his mother. He began to spend his days in hunger and poverty. Due to immense poverty, he went towards the Arcade of Chosroes in search of halaal food. There, he found that there were already seventy Awliyah Allah in search of Halaal food. Seeing this, he did not wish to be in their way and thus returned to Baghdaad Shareef. On his way back, he met a traveller from Jilaan. The traveller, on hearing that Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was from Jilan, asked if he knew a young man by the name of Abdul Qadir. Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ informed him that he was Abdul Qadir. The traveller then handed a block of gold to Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ saying that it had been sent to him by his mother. On hearing this, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ immediately made the Shukr of Almighty Allah, and then returned to the Arcade of Chosroes, where he presented most of the gold to the Awliyah Allah that were in search of food. He then took a little for himself, and returned to Baghdaad. On returning to Baghdaad, He prepared meals and fed the poor and then shared this meal with them. SubaanAllah! This alone shows the character of the Great Saint, that even though he was without food, he first gave most of his gold to the Awliyah Allah, then fed the poor, before he himself ate anything. Without doubt this is the sign of a true servant of Allah. It was in this manner that the life of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ commenced in the Holy City of Baghdaad.

Distinguished Teachers : After a few days in Baghdaad Shareef, Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ enrolled for academic studies at the famous Jaamia Nizaamia. During this time, this Jaamia was the centre of learning and spiritualism for the entire world. Jaamia Nizaamia was blessed by Teachers of great calibre and piety. He studied with great sincerity and dedication. Amongst his Teachers were : *Abul Wafa Ali bin Aqeel , Abu Ghaalib Muhammad bin Hassan Baaqilaani, Abu Zakariyah Yahyaa bin Ali Tabrezi, Abu Saeed bin Abdul Kareem, Abul Anaa'im Muhammad bin Ali bin Muhammad, Abu Saeed bin Mubaarak Makhzoomi, and Abul Khair Hamaad bin Muslim Al Dabbas* (ridwaanullahi ta aala alaihim ajmaeen)

He attained knowledge in the following subjects from the above mentioned Ulama: Qirat, Tafseer, Hadith, Fiqh, Shariah and Tareeqat etc. Not only did he attain knowledge in these subjects, but he excelled in every one of them. In the science of Adab, his teacher was Allama Abu Zakariyah Tabrezi, who was a great Aalim of his time. He was also the author of various kitaabs such as: Tafseerul Quraan Wal E'raab; Sharah Qasaa'idul Ashr and Sharah Diwaan Abi Tamaam. In the field of Fiqh and Usool-e-Fiqh, his Ustaads were: *Shaykh Abul Wafa bin Aqeel Hambali, Abul Hassan Muhammad bin Qaazi Abul Ulaa, Shaykh Abul Khataab Mahfooz Hambali, Qaazi Abu Saeed Mubaarak bin Ali Makhzoomi Hambali.* (ridwaanullahi ta aala alaihim ajmaeen).

In the science of Hadith, he attained knowledge from the following Ulama: *Sayyidi Abul Barkaat Talhaa Al Aaqooli, Abul Ana'im Muhammad bin Ali bin Maimoon Al Farsi, Abu Uthmaan Ismaeel bin Muhammad Al Isbihaani, Abu Ghaalib Muhammad bin Hassan Al Baaqilaani, Abu Muhammad Jaafar bin Ahmad binil Husain, Sayyidi Muhammad Mukhtaar Al Haashmi, Sayyidi Abu Mansoor Abdur Rahmaan Al Qaz'zaaz, Abul Qaasim Ali bin Ahmad Ban'naan Al Karghi, Abu Taalib Abdul Qaadir bin Muhammad bin Yusuf* (ridwaanullahi ta aala alaihim ajmaeen)

After intense studies, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ qualified from Jaamia Nizaamia. During this time, there was no Aalim who was more knowledgeable and pious than Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.

Hardships Faced During Studies : While studying in Baghdaad, he faced various hardships and was tested severely by the life of Baghdaad. Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ himself used to say, “ *The hardship and difficulties that I faced in Baghdaad during my studies were so severe, that if they had to be placed on a mountain, then even the mountain would split in two.*” He further used to say, “ *When the hardships and difficulties would become unbearable, I would lay on the ground and continuously recite the Ayah of the Holy Quran. 'Then without doubt there is easiness with shortages, without doubt there is easiness with shortages.' I would find immense tranquility and inner peace in continuously reciting this verse..*”

After adjourning from classes, he used to wander the jungles and forests of Baghdaad, where he would spend the entire night in the Zikr of Almighty Allah. This he did regardless of the weather conditions or season. If he became tired and weak, then he would rest for a while, making the ground his bed and a boulder his pillow. During these nights of Zikr, he would dress in a small turban and a thin cloak. If he became hungry, then he would go towards the river Euphrates and eat whatever vegetables he could find alongside the river. He always said that he gained much pleasure in this way of life and it caused him to gain closeness to Almighty Allah.

Attainment Of Spiritual Knowledge : After completion of Academic studies, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ did not cease in his quest for indept spiritual knowledge. To quench this spiritual thirst, Almighty Allah presented him with the opportunity of coming under the guidance of Shaykh Ham'maad bin Muslim Ad Dab'baas رحمۃ اللہ علیہ who was amongst the

superior Mashaa'ikh of Baghdaad-e-Muqaddas. Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states, that there came a time in Baghdaad when there was an abundance of fitna and fasaad (fighting and trouble). Since he did not want any part of this, he decided to leave Baghdaad-e-Muqaddas for a more peaceful enviroment. Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ says, “ I made my intention to leave Baghdaad due to the unsuitable conditions and was on my way out of Baghdaad, when from the unseen, some great strength pushed me so hard, that I fell to the ground. Then from the unseen I heard a voice say, 'Do not leave here. The creation of Allah will gain benefit via you.' On hearing this I said, What do I have to do with the people? All I want is to protect my Deen (Imaan). The voice then said, 'No, No, It is of utmost importance for you to remain here. No harm will come to your Deen (Imaan).' I then immediately changed my mind and for the pleasure of Allah, I remained in Baghdaad. The very next day as I was passing through a street, a man opened the door of his house and called to me. He said, “ O Abdul Qaadir! What did you ask from your Creator yesterday?” With these words and in great Jalaal, he closed the door of his house. I walked for some time and then realised that I had made a grave error and this person was a Wali, if not, he would have not known of what had happened the previous day. I went in search of his door, but was unsuccessful. After this, I would look for him where ever I went, until one day I saw him in a Majlis and from then on I stayed in his company. This personality was Sayyidi Ham'maad bin Muslim Ad'Dab'baas رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.”

Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam gained deep spiritual knowledge from this distinguished personality. Shaykh Ham'maad was originally from Syria and was born in a village near Damascus. He journeyed to Baghdaad and lived in a place called Muzaffariyyah until he left this mundane world to travel into the hereafter in the year 525 Hijri. His blessed Mazaar is in the Shawneeziya Cemetery in Baghdaad. Apart from Sayyidi Ham'maad رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ also gained spiritual education from Shaykh Abu Saeed Mubaarak Makhzoomi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. This will be detailed a little later.

His Striving & Endurance In The Path Of Allah : By the year 496 Hijri, Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-Azam (radi Allahuy anhu) had completed his academic and spiritual studies. After this, he began Mujahaahida and Riyazaat (spiritual exercises and endeavors in the path of Allah). He continued these spiritual exercises from 496 Hijri until the year 592 Hijri; a period of twenty five years. During these twenty five years, he engrossed himself in such intense spiritual exercises, that just by reading about them one can only but marvel at the dedication of this Great Saint. His sincerity and dedication in controlling his nafs took him swiftly to the levels of “*Fanafir Rasool and Fana Fil'llah*”. He was now totally drowned in the sea of love of Allah and His Rasool ﷺ. He turned himself into a strong mountain of patience and firmness that could not be moved. The notable events that took place during this part of his life are numerous and if recorded, then this alone would form volumes. To give us some appreciation of his spiritual condition during these twenty five years, a few incidents are quoted hereinunder.

Suppressing His Nafs : Once while delivering a lecture, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ said, “ *For twenty five years, I roamed the jungles of Iraq. For forty years, performed my Fajr Salaah with the wudhu of Esha and for fifteen years, I used to stand on one foot until Fajr and complete (recitation of) the entire Quran. During this time, I sometimes spent between three and forty days without eating even a morsel.*”

Hazrat Abul Mas'ood bin Abu Bakr Hareemi ﷺ reports that Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ once said to him, “ *Year after year, I spent struggling with my nafs by putting myself through various strenuous and intense tests. For one year I ate only vegetables and drank no water. The following year I only drank water and ate nothing, and the year after that, I did not eat and drink for the entire year. There were times when I did not sleep a wink. During this time I used to put myself through various spiritual exercises. There were times when I would*

be so drowned in struggling against my nafs, that I used to roll on thorns until my entire body would be severely bruised and cut, and I would become unconscious. People would pick me up and take me to the Haakim and he would certify me dead. Thinking that I was dead, they would prepare for my ghusl and kaffan. When they would place me on the bathing board to give me ghusl, I used to awake from this spiritual condition and walk away.”

Meeting With Hazrat Khidr ؑ: Sayyiduna Ghaus-e-Azam ؑ states that when he had just commenced his spiritual exercises in the jungles of Baghdaad, he met a person who was very handsome and had a Pious and bright face. The person asked if he would like to stay with him. Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ؑ said that he would. The person then said that this could only be done if Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ؑ promised to be obedient to his commands, and never to question his sayings or actions. Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ؑ immediately agreed to this. This person then commanded Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ؑ to sit at a prescribed spot and not to move until he returned. The person left and only returned after one year, to find Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ؑ still seated at the prescribed spot. He spent a few moments with Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ؑ and then asked him to sit their and wait for him to return once more. This person left and returned after another year. He once again spent some time with the Great Saint and then left again giving him the same command as he had done twice before. He then returned after another year, this time bringing with him milk and roti (bread).

He then said, “*I am Hazrat Khidr ؑ and I have been asked to share this meal with you.*” They sat together and ate of this blessed meal. Hazrat Khidr ؑ then asked, “*O Abdul Qadir! What did you eat for the three years whilst sitting in one spot?*” He replied, “*Whatever the people had thrown away.*”

His Battles Against Evil Forces : Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states that during his life he had encountered various attacks from Shaitaan and his partners but through the assistance of Almighty Allah, he was always victorious over Shaitaan. Even when his nafs would try and force him into certain desires, Almighty Allah always protected him from this as well. When the Shayateen would attempt with vigour to sway Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, then he reports that he would hear a voice saying, “ O Abdul Qadir! Stand firm and challenge them. Our help is with you.”

Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states that when he used to hear this, then he would stand firmly and challenge the Shayateen becoming victorious over them. He says that at times the Shayateen would take daring and frightening forms and come towards him, and in Jalaal he would say “ *Laa Howla Wa Laa Quwatta Ilaa Bil laahil Aliyil Azeem*” and firmly strike the face of the Shaytaan, who would then disappear.

His First Encounter With Shaytaan : He says that once shaytaan came to him. He said, “ *I am Iblees. You have exhausted me and my students in our attempts to mislead you. I would now like to become your servant.*” On hearing this, the Ghaus said, “ *O Cursed one! Leave here at once.*” After this command of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ Shaytaan still refused to leave, and a hand came from the unseen and hit Shaytaan with such force on his head that it caused him to sink into the ground.

His Second Encounter With Shaytaan : Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states, “*Once Shaytaan came to me and in his hand he had balls of fire, which he threw towards me. While this was happening, a veiled person on a white horse appeared and gave a sword in my hand. The moment I took the sword in my hand, Shaytaan turned and began to run.*”

His Third Encounter With Shaytaan : Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states, *“Once again I saw Shaytaan, but this time in a very sad state. I saw him sitting on the ground putting sand on his head. On seeing me he said, 'O Abdul Qaadir you have made me very sad and disillusioned.' I then said, Cursed one! Go Away. I am always asking protection (in Allah) from you. On hearing this, he said, 'These words hurt me even more.' He then spread an enormous amount of traps around me. I asked what this was and he said, 'These are the traps and nets of this world in which we trap people like you.' After this, for one year I gave thought to these traps of the world, until I broke every one of them.”*

His Steadfastness On Shariah : After gaining in depth academic and spiritual knowledge, Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was not only a pious and knowledgeable personality, but he was a guiding light to the misguided and a firm mountain when it came to speaking against that which was incorrect. He always said that even until Qiyaamah, none can change the Shariah, and any person who goes against the command of Shariah is an evil person (Shaytaan).

His son Shaykh Zia-ud-deen Abu Nasr Moosa رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states, *“ My father Shaykh Abdul Qaadir Jilaani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ once told me that he was making mujaahida in the jungle one day, when he began to feel very thirsty. Suddenly a cloud appeared above him and drops of cold rain water fell over him which he drank and quenched his thirst, as this was the mercy of Allah. After some time, he said that another cloud appeared over him giving out light so powerful, that the ends of the sky became lit up with the brightness. He said that he then saw a figure in the cloud which said, 'O Abdul Qaadir ! I am your Creator. I have made everything Halaal for you.' He said that on hearing this, he read the Ta'ooz and the light disappeared immediately and turned into darkness. A voice then said, 'O Abdul Qaadir! Allah has saved you from me because of your knowledge and piety, otherwise, I have misled many mystics, with this trap.' Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ answered by saying, 'Verily it is the grace of my Creator, which is with me.' I then asked my*

father, how he had known that this was Shaytaan, and he replied, 'His saying that he has made that which is haraam, halaal upon me, because Allah does not command wrong.'

Bai'at : Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ gained his spiritual training in Baghdaad from two of the greatest mystics of their time. Hazrat Sayyidi Abul Khair Ham'maad bin Muslim Ad Dab'baas رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and Hazrat Qaazi Abu Saeed Mubaarak Al Makhzoom رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. Although he had gained much blessings from both these personalities, he had not yet taken a Peer-o-Murshid. Finally the time had come to take a Peer, and according to the will of Almighty Allah, he presented himself in the court of Hazrat Qaazi Abu Saeed Al Makhzoomi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and became his mureed thus joining his Halqa and spiritual order. Hazrat Shaykh Abu Saeed رحمۃ اللہ علیہ showed much love and attention to this unique disciple, and blessed him with gems of spiritualism and mysticism.

Once while Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and others where seated in front of the Shaykh, he asked Hazrat Ghaus-e-Azam to fetch something. While he was gone, Hazrat Makhzoomi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ addressing those present said, “ *One day, the foot of that young man will be on the shoulders of all the Auliya Allah, and all the Awliyah of his time will humble themselves before him.*”

Ziyaarat Of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah ﷺ: On the sixteenth of Shaw'wal 461 Hijri close to mid day, in his dream, the King of the Awliyah, Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam Jilaani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ saw The King of the Ambia and Rusul, Sayyiduna Rasoolullah ﷺ.

In his dream The Holy Prophet ﷺ said to him, “ *O Abdul Qaadir! Why do you not lecture and give advice to the people so you may save them from being misled?*”

He answered by saying, “ Ya Rasool’Allah ﷺ I am a non-Arab. What am I going to say in front of the fluent-speaking Arabs.” Huzoor ﷺ said, “ Open Your Mouth” and he placed his blessed Saliva seven times into the mouth of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ and then said, “ Go lecture and give advice to the people and bring them towards the path of Almighty Allah.”

His Reformation Of The People : At first he began delivering lectures and teaching people in the Madrassah belonging to Sayyidi Shaykh Abu Saeed Makhzoomi ﷺ. The people of Baghdaad and neighbouring cities now began to flock to the lectures of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ in such great numbers, that the Madrassah became too small for these gatherings. There would often be no place inside the Madrassah, forcing people to sit out on the street to listen to his lectures and advice. In 568 Hijri a few houses around the madrassah were purchased and incorporated to make the madrassah bigger. After some time, even this proved too small. The Mimbar of Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ was then carried and placed in a massive open area (Eid Gaah) where more than seventy thousand people would present themselves in each of his lectures. In every one of his gatherings, there would be four people recording his lectures in writing and two Qaaris, who recited the Holy Quran. His lectures became so famous in a very short space of time and it attracted people from all parts of the world, thus making Baghdaad Shareef the center of learning and spiritualism once again. He usually delivered lectures thrice a week. On Fridays, Wednesday evenings, and on Sunday mornings. This blessed practice continued for forty years, from 521 Hijri to 561 Hijri.

His Power Over Jinns : Hazrat Abu Futooh Muhammad bin Abil Aas Yusuf bin Ismaeel bin Ahmad Ali Qarshi Tameemi Bakri Baghdadi ﷺ reports that once Hazrat Shaykh Abu Saeed Abdullah bin Ahmad bin Ali bin Muhammad Baghdadi Azja’ee ﷺ came to Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ and complained about his sixteen (16) year old daughter, Faatima. Faatima,

who was very beautiful, had gone onto the roof of the house, and then had suddenly disappeared. On hearing this, Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ comforted him and told him not to worry. Ghaus-e-Paak رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, then asked him to go at night to a certain jungle. On entering this jungle, Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ told him that he would see many sand heaps, and he should sit on the fifth sand heap that he passed. Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ then said, that he should draw a circle around him, saying Bismillah, and then say Abdul Qadir. Ghaus-e-Paak رحمۃ اللہ علیہ then said, Towards the third portion of the night, you will find an army of Jinns passing by. They will look very frightening and fierce, but you should not fear. You should remain seated and wait. Exactly at the time of first light, the Most powerful King of the Jinns will pass that way, and he will personally come to you, and ask your problem. On his request, you should explain to him your situation, and then tell him that, Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilaani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ has sent you. You should then tell him about your daughter's disappearance.

Hazrat Muhammad Baghdadi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states, “ I Did As Ghaus-E-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ Said. I Sat On The Sand Heap, Drew A Circle Around Me And Waited. After Some Time, I Saw Armies Of Jinns Passing By In Frightening Forms. They Were Very Upset With Me Sitting In Their Path, But They Passed Without Saying A Word, As They Did Not Have The Courage To Enter The Circle. In The Morning, The King Passed And Asked My Request. When I Explained My Problem To Him, And Said That Ghaus-E-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ Had Sent Me, He Got Off His Horse And Stood With Respect Listening To Me. He Then Sent The Jinns To Summon Back One Jinn Who Had Captured My Daughter. My Daughter Was Brought Back, And The Mischievous Jinn Was Punished For His Doing.”

A Thief Becomes An Abdaal (Saint) : Once a thief entered the house of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ with the intention of stealing. On entering the house, he became blind and could not see anything. He was therefore unable to find his way out of the house, and eventually sat in one corner

of the house. In the morning, he was caught and brought before Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ on seeing him, placed his blessed hands on the thief's eyes, and immediately the thief's sight was restored. Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ then said, *"He came to steal materialistic (worldly) wealth, I will bless him with such a treasure, that it will remain with him forever."*

On saying these words, Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ placed his blessed sight on the thief once, and elevated him to the status of Wilaayat. It was during this time, that one of the appointed Abdaals (a category of Saints) had passed away. Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ took the thief, now Wali, and sent him out as the replacement for the Abdaal that had passed away. *Subhaanallah!*

Transportation From One Place To Another : Once whilst Ghaus-e-Azam Jilaani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was delivering one of his spiritually enlightening lectures, a person by the name of Abul Mu'aali was present in this gathering and was seated directly in front of Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. During the course of the lecture, Abul Mu'aali found that he needed to answer the call of nature (visit the toilet). He found it disrespectful to leave the gathering of Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, so he tried to suppress this need رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. He controlled the urge to the best of his ability, but when he could do so no longer he decided to leave. As he was about to stand, he saw Ghaus-e-Paak رحمۃ اللہ علیہ walking down the first stair of the pulpit (Mimbar) onto the second stair.

As Ghaus-e-Paak رحمۃ اللہ علیہ came to the second stair, he saw an image of Ghaus-e-Paak رحمۃ اللہ علیہ on the mimbar. Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ came down to him and threw his shawl over Abul Mu'aali. As this happened, Abul Mu'aali found that he was no longer in the gathering, but rather in a valley with lush vegetation, beautified even more by a stream which flowed through it. He immediately answered the call of nature, performed wudhu and then prayed two rakaats Salaah. As he completed the Salaah, Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ pulled the shawl off him.

When Abul Mu'aali looked, he found, to his amazement that he was still in the gathering of Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and he had not even missed one word of the lecture of the Great Saint. However, Abul Mu'aali later found that he did not have his set of keys with him. He then remembered that when he was transported to the valley by Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, he had hung his key ring on the branch of a tree beside the stream. Abul Mu'aali states, that some time after this incident, he had the opportunity to go on a business expedition.

During this journey, Abul Mu'aali reached a valley, and rested there. He then noticed, that the valley was the exact same place where Ghaus-e-Paak رحمۃ اللہ علیہ had during that lecture transported him to. When he went to the tree, he found that his missing keys were still hanging on the branch of tree. *Subhaan Allah!*

The business trip had taken fourteen days to complete. This miracle of Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ showed that not only did he transport Abul Mu'aali spiritually, but also physically.

Protection From A Storm : Once the students of Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ state that he was delivering his lessons as usual to them, when suddenly his blessed face turned red and beads of perspiration covered his blessed forehead. He then placed his hand into his cloak and remind silent for a short time. The students state, that after he removed his hand from inside his cloak, drops of water began to drip from his sleeves. The students say that because of his spiritual state, they did not ask any questions, but rather, they recorded the date, day and time of this astonishing event. The students say, that two months after this incident, a group of traders who had come to Baghdad by sea, arrived and presented various gifts to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.

The students were very confused by this, as they had never seen these traders in Baghdad before. The students therefore asked the traders their reason for the gifts. The traders replied by saying that two months previously, whilst they were sailing to Baghdad, their ship was caught in a fierce storm. When they realised that there was a real danger of sinking, they called out the name of Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilaani رحمہ اللہ. On calling out his name, they found that from the unseen, a hand lifted their ship to safety. When the students compared this narration to the incident in the Madrassa, it was confirmed that it was the same, date, day and time in which Ghaus-e-Paak رحمہ اللہ had put his hand into his Cloak. **Subhaanallah!**

This shows that Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ seemed to be placing his hand into his cloak, but in reality, he was stretching his hand into the sea to assist those who called for his assistance.

“ My Foot Is On The Shoulders Of All The Saints ” : Once whilst he was delivering a lecture, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ entered a spiritual state and said, *“ My foot is on the Shoulders of all the Awliyah Allah (Saints) ”* There were many Awliyah Allah in his presence when he said these words, and immediately every one of them lowered their necks. Hazrat Shaykh Ali bin Haiti رحمہ اللہ who was also present in this gathering immediately went to Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ and physically placed the foot of Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ on his neck. Hazrat Sayyidi Maajid رحمہ اللہ states, *“ When Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ said these words, then every Wali on earth bowed their necks.”*

He also states, *“ There were 300 Awliyah Allah and 700 Rijaalul Ghaib (Men of the Unseen) present in that gathering, and every one of them lowered their necks before him.”*

Hazrat Makaarim رحمہ اللہ states, *“ The day on which Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ made this statement, every Saint knew, that the flag of Kingship was now planted before*

Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. On this day, all the Saints from East to West lowered their necks on his command.”

Hazrat Sayyidi Shaykh Khalifatul Akbar رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states, “ I saw the Beloved Rasool صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم in my dream, and I asked him about the statement of Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ My foot is on the shoulders of all the Saints”

He says, that the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said, AAbdul Qaadir Jilaani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ has spoken the truth and why should he not say this, when his is The Qutb, and I am his Guardian?”

Sultanul Hind Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaaz رحمۃ اللہ علیہ : When Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ said, ‘My foot is on the Shoulders of all the Saints’. At this time, Hazrat Khwaja Mueenud’deen Chishti Hassani Sanjari Ajmeri رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was in the prime of his youth, and was deep in the remembrance of Allah on a mountain in Khurasaan.

As soon as Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ said these words, Hazrat Ghareeb Nawaaz رحمۃ اللہ علیہ heard this and lowered his neck and said, “ But your blessed foot is on my eyes and on my head as well.” It was through the blessing of this act of submission, that Huzoor Khwaja Mueenuddeen Chishti رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was made the King of the Saints of India and is known as Sultan-ul-Hind.

Huzoor Mufti-E-Azam Hind رحمۃ اللہ علیہ : Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, who is the son of the renowned Aala Hazrat Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan رحمۃ اللہ علیہ says in one of his Manqabats, which he wrote in praise of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ as follows:

“ Ye Dil Ye Jigar He Ye Aankhe Ye Sar He
Jahaa Chaaho Rakhlo Qadam Ghaus-e-Azam”

This couplet of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ shows that even though he had not yet been born when this statement was made, but after coming to this physical world, he showed his allegiance to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ by accepting and confirming the Command of Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. This, and his immense love for Sarkaar-e-Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ gained him the exalted status of Ghaus-ul-Waqt meaning the Ghaus of the Time.

Hazrat Imam Ahmed Bin Hambal رحمۃ اللہ علیہ : Hazrat Sayyidi Baqaa رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states that once he accompanied Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ to the Mazaar of Hazrat Imam Ahmed bin Hambal رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.

He says, “*I saw Hazrat Imam Ahmed bin Hambal’s رحمۃ اللہ علیہ grave split open, and I saw him emerge from his blessed grave. He embraced Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and then said, “Even I am dependent on you in Shariat and Tariqat.”*”

Shariat And Tariqat : Once Hazrat Shaykh Bata’ihi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ presented himself in the court of Shaykh Ahmed Kabeer رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. He states that Shaykh Ahmed Kabeer رحمۃ اللہ علیہ said, “*Dyou know anything about the condition of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.”* Hazrat Shaykh Ahmed Kabeer رحمۃ اللہ علیہ states, “*On hearing this, I began to praise Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam Jilaani رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and say what I knew concerning him. I said as much as I knew, and then remained silent.”* Hazrat Shaykh Ahmed Kabeer then said, “*On his right is the Sea of Shariat and on his left is the Sea of Tariqat. From this, he gives whom he desires. In this era, there is none equal to him.”*”

His Marriage And Wives : Once someone asked Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ why he had made Nikah given his (Ghaus-e Azam’s رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) unique and elevated spiritual condition. Ghaus-e-Azam رحمۃ اللہ علیہ replied by saying, “*I would have not married, but my Beloved forefather, Nabi Muhammad ﷺ has commanded me to marry. It is on this basis that I have made Nikah. I was in*

reality afraid of making Nikah, for this reason that my time may be lost in other things rather than in the love of my Creator, but when the time came, then My Creator blessed me with four wives, and each one of them loved me dearly.”

Because of his true and pure intention of Nikah, even after marriage, he never lost time from his Ibaadat and from his services to the Deen. All his blessed wives were blessed with piety and deep knowledge. Hazrat Sayyidi Abdul Jabbar رحمہ اللہ one of the sons of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam Jilaani رحمہ اللہ states concerning his mother, “ When my mother would enter a dark place, it would become bright immediately. Once my father Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ entered one such place where my mother was, and on his entrance, the light caused by her presence disappeared. On seeing this my blessed father said, >This light is not enough. It has disappeared in my light. Let me make it more powerful.’ From this day on, when my mother entered a dark place, then her light was like that of the full moon.”

His Children : Huzoor Sayyidi Abdur Razzaq رحمہ اللہ, the son of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ states, “ My Father Had Forty Nine Children In All, Of Which Twenty Seven Were Boys And Twenty Two Were Girls”

His Books And Treaties : Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ was also the author of numerous books on a vast amount of subjects. His books flow with seas of Knowledge, Wisdom and mysticism. Two of His most famous books are: Ghuniyatut Taalibeen & Futuhul Ghaib

With the exception of these, many of his lectures were recorded in writing by many great scholars that presented themselves in his gatherings. Many of these transcripts are still preserved in their original form upto this day, in various parts of the world.

Advice To His Children : Shaykh Saifuddeen Abdul Wahab رحمہ اللہ the son of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam Jilaani رحمہ اللہ requested his father for advice, just before his demise.

On his request, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam رحمہ اللہ said, “ *Fear Almighty Allah. Fear none but Allah. Always turn towards Him. Ask all you wish from Allah. Do not turn to any beside Allah. Do not have faith in any but in Allah. Remain firm on Tauheed (belief in one Allah). There is no salvation without Tauheed. When the heart becomes linked with Allah, then nothing else seems to look good to him. I have reached the level of True love. It is a domain where worldly love has no place.*”

Presence Of Other Beings : Just before his demise, he then turned to the rest of his sons and said, “ *Move away from me. Right now, you seem to be before me, but in reality you are not the only ones here. With the exception of your selves, there are other creations of Allah here as well. Give enough space for them. Show respect to them. Give way. This is now a place of exalted pardon and forgiveness. Do not crowd this place.*”

After saying these words, he would continue to say, ‘And may there be peace, blessings and Allah’s Mercy upon you. May Allah forgive us all and may He bestow upon us His Mercy.’

His Condition : During this time, his son Sayyidi Abdur Rahman رحمہ اللہ asked concerning his condition and he replied by saying, “*None of you should question me concerning anything. Listen! My condition is continuously changing in the Exalted Court of Allah. My status is elevated as every moment is passing by.*”

The Condition Of His Heart : His son Sayyidi Abdul Jabbar رحمہ اللہ asked if he was in any pain or discomfort, and he replied, “ *My entire body is in pain except my heart. My heart is protected, for it is the treasure chest of the*

remembrance of Almighty Allah and the Madina (City) of the rays of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.”

His Final Moments : In his final moments on this physical earth, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ said, “ I seek assistance from Allah. I bear testimony that there is none worthy of worship but ONE ALLAH. He is the Exalted and the only Truly Existing, who does not die. Glorified is He, who through His Divine Majesty is Powerful over all His servants, and has caused death for them. There is none worthy of worship but Allah. Muhammad ﷺ is the Prophet of Allah.”

His Demise : One the eve of his demise, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam ﷺ said, “ I am sorry for all of you. Do you know who I am? I fear no man, jin or even the Angel of Death. O Angel of Death! Take me into the Exalted Court of my Creator, who has granted me the opportunity of being his chosen servant (WALI), and Who is the Superior One, responsible for all that which I have been commanded to do.”

After this, the beloved of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, the Bright shining Star of Hazrat Ali ﷺ, The Comfort of the Heart of Sayyida Faatima, The Splendor of Imam Hassan, The Beaming Light of Imam Hussain, The Light of the Eyes of Sayyid Abu Saleh and Ummul Khair Faatima, Ghausul Azam Hazrat Sayyiduna Shaykh Muhiyud'deen Abdul Qaadir Jilaani Al Baghdadi ﷺ travelled from this physical world into the hereafter.

The Luminous and distinguished Saint had travelled from this world over the Bridge of Death, allowing the Lover (Devotee) to meet with the Beloved. He journeyed into the hereafter in the month of Rabi ul Aakhir 561 Hijri. Some narrations say it was on the 11th whilst others mention the 17th.

His Blessed Mazaar : His blessed Mazaar is situated in the Holy City of Baghdad in Iraq.

Gems Of Wisdom :

* O Aalim! Do not cause your knowledge to become impure by sitting in the company of worldly people.

* A Momin leaves his family and children in the care of Allah and a munafiq (hypocrite) leaves his family and children in the care of his wealth.

* The world has made a thousand people like you healthy and strong then devoured them.

* The older a momin becomes, the stronger his Imaan becomes.

* How can that person be a teacher to others, whereas he is not able to teach himself (control his nafs).